

# LOCAL I-S NEWS

*for department store workers*

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## MEMBERS ENDORSE UNION PROGRAM; NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN JANUARY 20th



LOCAL I-S MEMBERS of the Herald Square store jammed Manhattan Center at the membership meeting to receive the officers' reports and to approve the program of the Union as it approached the opening of bargaining negotiations.

### I-S Credit Union Annual Meeting Set

Local I-S Credit Union will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, January 21st at Union Headquarters, 290 Seventh Avenue, at 7:15 P.M. it has been announced.

Officials of the Federal Credit Union will make their annual report at that time. Another part of the agenda will be the declaration of dividends to be followed by the election of officers.

Refreshments will be served at the end of the meeting.

The Local I-S Federal Credit Union is one of the most successful of its kind and the officers look forward to a large outpouring of Local I-S members for this annual meeting.

**PLEASE TELL US  
WHEN YOU MOVE**

### Members Offered European Tour By Credit Union

Local I-S Credit Union has announced that a trip to France, England, Italy, Holland, Austria, Switzerland, Luxembourg, and Monaco has been made available for Credit Union members.

The trip is to begin with a Constellation flight on May 29 and will wind up back in New York almost a month later, Sunday afternoon, June 28th.

In France the trip will include visits to Paris, Versailles, Lyons and Nice. The Italian part of the sight-seeing program will bring the visitor to Venice, Florence, Rome, Naples, Capri, Viareggio and Pisa.

Other cities to be visited will be Windsor, England, Innsbruck, Austria, Amsterdam, Holland, and Monaco.

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### Voting Dates, Places Named

Under the provisions of the Local I-S Constitution and By-Laws all members are required to be in good standing and to vote in the Union's election of officers.

#### Voting Places

Herald Square members will vote on Thursday, January 22nd from 10 A.M. to 10 P.M. at the Union Office, 209 Seventh Ave.

Herald Square store members will have a second day to cast their ballots also on Friday, January 23rd, between the hours of 10 A.M. and 7 P.M.

White Plains will vote on Thursday, January 22nd, from 10 A.M. to 10 P.M. at the "Have-A-Snak" restaurant on Main Street.

Parkchester and Flatbush will vote at the same hours and the same date. Parkchester members will vote at the Chester House on East Avenue. Flatbush members will have their polling place at

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### Local Outlines New Demands Contract Improvements Sought

At large membership meetings held for Local I-S members at all Macy's stores during the first week of January the Union outlined the major demands that it will ask to be incorporated into the new contract.

### Union, Company Agree on Date To Begin Talks

The beginning of negotiations for a new contract with Macy's have been set for January 20th, according to Sam Kovenetsky, President of Local I-S, RWDSU, (AFL-CIO).

The date was set following a communication from the Local I-S President to Fred C. Fischer, Vice President, Macy's Personnel and Labor Relations, notifying him that the Union was "desirous to re-open for negotiations of the contract".

In reply Fischer pleaded that "the nature of our business prevents negotiations during the Christmas Season", adding that "company representatives, will be happy to meet with the Union's negotiations committee promptly after the Christmas Season".

Local I-S officials then agreed to a post-Christmas meeting and January 20th was agreed upon for the start of negotiations.

A Local I-S Negotiating Committee representing all departments of the Herald Square store and the branches outlined their program to the membership meetings in the first week of January, when it was unanimously approved.

Serving on the Negotiations Committee for Local I-S are: Flatbush, Dorothy Lichtenstein; Jamaica, Anthony LaSalvia; White Plains, Helen Ruderman; Parkchester, Andrew Fellicia.

Representing the Herald Square store will be Nicholas Snyder, Jack Steinman, Miriam Friedman, Estelle Sage, Beatrice Montgomery, Jerome Harte, Eugene Rawdin, David Greenberg, Marion Cook and Neal Kuypers.

Also Frances Cavicchi, Sylvia Temple, Charles DeGeorge, John Malone, Madeline Lawder, Olga

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The union's members from the Herald Square and branch stores gave positive indication that they were unanimous in their support of Local I-S' program as the negotiation date approached.

Chief among the points to be pressed in the negotiations for a new contract with Macy's were substantial wage increases, improved health and sick leave program, modifications to better the pension plan, a better system to make adjustments in inequities, a vacation plan with more leisure for Macy's employees, and a reset up in the job security.

The entire membership also approved constitutional changes affecting the Executive Board and the Welfare Board. The accepted changes are:

TITLE: EXECUTIVE BOARD  
Addition Section 17—

Any elected Officer, Executive Board Member or Shop Steward taking a temporary job not covered by Local I-S contract will automatically forfeit their position as Executive Officer, Executive Board Member or Shop Steward for the remainder of their term.

TITLE: WELFARE BOARD  
Article 12—

Shall be changed to read—  
Local I-S Social Services Committee and such changes shall apply in all Sections of the Constitution where Welfare Board now exists.

LOCAL I-S  
TAX CONSULTANT  
UNION OFFICE

290 SEVENTH AVENUE

Wednesday, February 25th

Wednesday, March 4th

Wednesday, March 11th

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# ADMINISTRATION SLATE

## For President



**Sam Kovenetsky**

To his thousands of friends in the stores President Sam Kovenetsky is a warm, gentle and understanding human being. To Macy's he is a tough, calculating and relentless driver of hard bargains.

Sam (there's hardly a member who calls him Mr. Kovenetsky) has been at the helm of Local 1-S since the days when it was more a conspiracy to organize than a union.

For twenty-two consecutive years Sam has been the elected leader of Local 1-S. His steady hand has guided every phase of union activity since his co-workers named him as their first representative to CIO back in 1936.

It was in 1939 that Sam was elected as Business Manager—and that was the only full time job in the union. When the Constitution was amended in 1945 to provide for a full time President, it was Sam who was elected.

He has headed every Negotiating Committee that has ever faced management and has proved to Macy's—time after time—that he knows the operation of the store better than many of the company's representatives sitting at the same table.

With many feathers in his cap, Sam is especially proud of the fact that Local 1-S can boast such accomplishments as the first and finest Health Plan in the industry, the very first Pension Plan, the strongest guarantees of job security and the highest wage scale in the industry.

Under his outstanding leadership Local 1-S grew from a small band of visionaries in 1936 to its present strength of more than 8,000—which makes it the "largest Department Store Union in the World."

## For Welfare Board Jamaica



**Maude Dash**

Maude Dash has worked for Macy's for eleven years, starting as a cashier. She is married and has two children, girls. One is a social worker and the other a secretary. Mrs. Dash has been a resident of Jamaica for thirty-one years and has seen it grow in that time.

## For 1st Vice President



**Philip Hoffstein**

Philip Hoffstein, candidate for re-election to the First Vice Presidency of Local 1-S, has been an active builder of the union for 21 of the 29 years he has worked for Macy's.

As one of the original organizers of the union he was responsible for signing up the Packing Department and making it the first 100 per cent union group in the store. As a result, Packing was able to provide an organizing center for all of Non-Selling.

Before accepting the nomination years ago, Phil Hoffstein had for the Vice President's post six served Local 1-S as a Shop Steward, Executive Board member, Administrator and negotiator.

In close association with President Sam Kovenetsky, Vice President Hoffstein has played an important part in almost every decision affecting the well-being of Local 1-S and its membership.

As President Kovenetsky's "right hand man" at the bargaining table, Vice President Hoffstein developed a reputation that was feared and respected by Macy's and honored by the membership. His hard-hitting, forthright defense of union demands became almost legendary.

His last post before assuming his full-time duties was as Chairman of the Flatbush Store Committee.

## For Sergeant at Arms



**Christian Ryan**

## For Trustee



**Ernest Rouse**

Ernest Rouse has been a Board member of Local 1-S for the past four years. A shop steward at the Herald Square store he represents the Receiving Division.

## For 2nd Vice President



**William Atkinson**

William Atkinson, candidate for the post of 2nd Vice President, began his Macy career in September of 1931.

In the 28 years that have passed since then he has served as President of the union and has proven himself one of its most distinguished champions and fighters.

His term of office as President was interrupted when he left the job to enter the Armed Forces in 1941. But since that time he has devoted himself to the duties of Shop Steward, Executive Board member and Chairman of the Fifth Floor Committee, Negotiator and representative on the Executive Board of the International Union of the United Department Store Workers.

William (Bill) Atkinson started work in Macy's as an elevator operator. Along with President Sam Kovenetsky he worked to gather together a small group of people who would fight to form a union. With that group, he untiringly devoted himself to the struggle to regain the dignity and self-respect that Macy working conditions had taken from the people.

His determined fighting spirit on Negotiating Committees won the admiration of the union's members, even though many of them had not had the opportunity to meet him.

## For Trustee



**Rita Bertolini**

## For Welfare Board Flatbush



**Riva Lowenstein**

Riva Lowenstein has been a member of Local 1-S for over ten years. Five of these years she has been active on the union's Services Committee and has been a leader in organizing union social program in the Flatbush store.

## For Recording Sec'y.



**Deby Valencia**

Deby Valencia, candidate for Recording Secretary of Local 1-S, has been a union member since the day in 1947 that the Office Division won the right to representation by Local 1-S. In fact, she played an important part, as an organizer, in making that representation possible.

In addition to serving Local 1-S as an organizer in those important days, she has served as a Shop Steward, Executive Board member, Negotiator and Administrator. She is currently the union's Office Manager.

Highly regarded as an able and conscientious worker, she says:

"To function properly, any organization must always have an accurate record of all that is said and done at its policy-making meetings.

"The main function of the Recording Secretary is to see that the proceedings of the Executive Board are recorded in a way that will help the Board in the performance of its duties. All my experience leads me to believe that I can serve Local 1-S well in that job."

## For Welfare Board



**Leo Livingston**

Leo Livingston, candidate for re-election to the Welfare Board, has been a member of Local 1-S since the day the Selling Division was first organized, and has worked in the store since 1933.

As a member of the Welfare Board he has been an active participant in the work of seeing that the members received the fullest benefit of all facilities of the union. He, along with his fellow Board member, Jack Fox, has worked steadily to expand the services of the Welfare Board and looks forward to the time when the Board will be in a position to meet all the related social needs of the membership.

"I am running for office," he said, "because my work on the Welfare Board has shown me how really urgent the need is for more of the kind of work we are doing.

"It is my earnest desire to assist in the effort to expand our Welfare services to the members of Local 1-S so that none shall want for aid and comfort because of lack of facilities."

## For Financial Sec'y.



**Ceil Curry**

Cecilia (Ceil) Curry, candidate for the post of Local 1-S Financial Secretary, has served the union as a Flying Squad Shop Steward, member of the Executive Board, member of Negotiating Committees and a member of the Editorial Board of the Local 1-S NEWS.

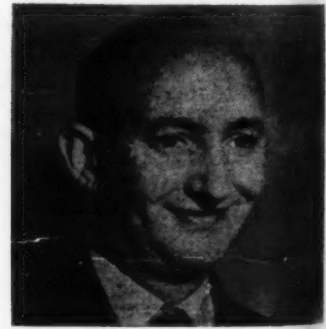
She has compressed this amount of union activity into the nine years since she first came to work in the Herald Square store.

Of her candidacy she says: "It came as a pleasant surprise when I learned that my many friends were nominating me for union office."

"Needless to say, I regard the work of the Financial Secretary as being of great importance. I am certain that together with the other Trustees of Local 1-S I shall be able to present the membership with clear and accurate reports of what is being accomplished with their dues dollars.

"I think that good unionism demands the kind of accountability that Local 1-S has given its members—and I shall continue that fine tradition."

## For Welfare Board



**Jack Fox**

In Macy's since 1934, Jack Fox, candidate for re-election to the Welfare Board, helped organize the then-unorganized selling force. He served the union for two years as a Shop Steward and for two years more served as a member of the Executive Board before becoming a member of the Welfare Board.

In that capacity he helped initiate the weekly service to the members of a general attorney, a compensation lawyer and a professional social worker. He is the Chairman of the Medical Committee of the Welfare Board that helped institute the Union's medical panel.

Jack Fox also served on the committee responsible for the union's "foot and leg survey"—which was the first industrial survey of its kind. Also the Dental Survey which was available to members of Local 1-S and their families.

He says, "My aim for the future is to improve these facilities and to introduce additional ones for the benefit of our members. On my record I stand for another term on the Welfare Board."



## For Welfare Board Parkchester



Florence Meurer

Florence Meurer is employed as a telephone operator with Macy's Parkchester since 1946. She also lives in Parkchester, being a grandmother to three children and does considerable travelling on week-ends with her husband. In her spare time Mrs. Meurer served as nurses' aide for the Red Cross in Bellevue last year.

She has been helping on the Welfare Board since February, 1958.

## For Sergeant at Arms



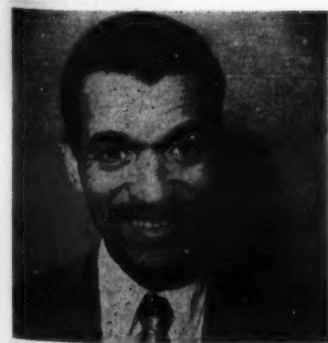
Richard Tausz

## For Welfare Board



Augustine Tompkins

## For Trustee



Harry Webster

Harry Webster, appointed early in 1954 to fill a vacated Trusteeship, is now a candidate for reelection to that office.

In his ten-and-a-half years of union membership he has served on the Executive Board, has been a member of the union's Negotiating Committee, served as a Local 1-S delegate to the New York State CIO Convention and was a member of the union's delegation to the New York City CIO Council.

"Because of my interest in the union and the welfare and progress of its membership I would like to help establish and maintain an even closer relationship between the membership and the elected leaders. I believe this will result in a still stronger, more progressive organization."

## Realize Contract; Macy's Executive Learns Hard Way

One of the problems Local 1-S has to deal with, after getting certain rights in the contract, is making some Macy executives realize that the contract means what it says. For instance sections 2.06 and 11.04, which guarantee the rights of stewards and members to discuss union business and grievances during working hours.

Mr. Levin of dept. 126 knew all about the part which says permission has to be asked. But it seems he did not read the part which says that permission is to be granted.

When the shop steward, Miss Sue Bennett, asked him for permission, he would stall and stall until it actually meant no permission was granted. This continued even after Miss Bennett pointed out the sections of the contract. So she wrote grievances.

Even then Mr. Levin could see nothing wrong. His answers showed that he didn't understand the meaning of the contract. He felt it was in his discretion whether permission was to be given or not.

The superintendent's office thought Mr. Levin was partly wrong and he should give permission a little more readily. The process of education was beginning to take place.

At the third step, Mr. Levin's education was accelerated. He was called in by Labor Relations and told that requests for permission to discuss grievances must be granted immediately unless immediate floor conditions prevented. That he has a responsibility not only to grant permission but to see to it that opportunity is provided as soon as reasonably possible for discussion of problems to take place.

The administrator was assured that Mr. Levin now knows in full the meaning of sections 2.06 and 11.04 and he will be expected to live up to these sections in the future.

## Negotiations

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Moscattelli, and Harry Leibowitz. Other departments in the Herald Square store will be represented by Oliver Garrett, Richard Tausz, Christian A. Ryan, Rubin Greenberg, Cecil Franklin and Raymond Feer.

Also serving will be members of the Executive Board, Debby Valencia, Recording Secretary, and Cecilia Curry, Financial Secretary.

## Local 1-S VP Wins Months' Long Fight For Fitters' Rate

Steward Sid Goldfarb and Local 1-S members of Women's Shoe Dept. 102, believe that persistence pays off. Sid filed a grievance way back in June asking the company to do something about the fitting situation in 102 dept.

Sam Yokelson was being used as a staff fitter without a job title as fitter and without a rate being established for the job. The grievance went all the way "up-the-line" with the company refusing to budge, until it came to 1-S Vice-President Bill Atkinson.

Mr. Atkinson took the grievance to Mrs. G. G. Michelson. She also refused, but finally agreed to a meeting with the steward, floor committee, department executives and all concerned to hear all sides. She still refused to offer any relief.

But Local 1-S Vice-President Atkinson was not willing to take "No" for an answer to this problem. All through the summer he kept after the company.

Finally, persistence did the job. Mr. Yokelson has been given the title of department 102 Fitter. A special payment of \$10.00 per week goes with the title. In addition to that, the company agreed to review the whole problem again in six months to see if the present solution is satisfactory.

## HEALTH PLAN NOTE

If you plan to take a leave of absence (including maternity and military leave), or if you leave the store and wish to continue the Health Plan, you are covered only until the end of the month in which you leave the store, and have another 30 days (without coverage) in which to arrange for your direct payments. YOU MUST see the Local 1-S Health Consultant at the Union office.

If you, or a member of your family covered by the Health Plan, enters the hospital or has medical care covered by the Health Plan, you MUST call on the Union office for a claim form for your doctor immediately. Forms must be filled out and returned to the Union office as soon as possible.

**Protect yourself—protect your family—protect your benefits. Be sure to come to the Union office on time.**

## PERSONALS

FOR SALE—1957 Plymouth Savoy V-8—Powerflyte, radio, heater, crash panel, plastic covers,—15,000 miles—Spotless—\$1650.—Phone LA 8-9224.

WANTED—Home for one and half year old pedigree Boxer—Loves children—Prefer someone who has a back yard—Phone after 6 P.M.—HOLLIS 8-8694.

SHARE APARTMENT—Beautifully furnished—Will share with lady member of Local 1-S—Phone evenings—UL 6-8595.

FOR SALE—Black Hudson Seal Coat—In very good condition—Size 20 (equivalent to size 40 or 42)—A reasonable offer will not be refused—Owner moving to Florida permanently—Phone LU 9-4192.

FOR RENT—Four rooms in private house in Brooklyn—Phone in morning or after 5 P.M.—IN 9-0659.

SHARE APARTMENT—Young man—Two and one half room, garden apartment in West 90's—Phone EN 2-5041—Evenings and Sundays.

FOR SALE—1951 Chrysler (New York)—In excellent condition—Phone ULster 4-0650.

FOR SALE—4 Mahogany living room tables: like new—1 lamp table 19x19—2 end comodones 16½x23—1 coffee table 20x36—Like new—\$100.00. Call before ten A.M. or after five-thirty—NE 9 1158.

FOR SALE—1 pair of chinese lamps—girl's English bicycle—1 pair of drapes with bedspread and shams to match—grey satin and maroon velvet—all in good condition—very reasonable—Phone FLushing 3-4374—after 6 P.M.

## Letter to the Editor Kuyper's Reply

Local 1-S News,

In your last edition of the Local 1-S News, a letter to the Editor was published in which the writer asked why I am running for the office of 2nd Vice-President of Local 1-S RWDSU, AFL-CIO, in the coming elections. I am most happy to cite the reasons that have motivated my candidacy.

Because my past background as one of the original organizers of Local 1-S resulted in many benefits obtained by my fellow workers during my 18 years as Steward and Executive Board member, I have been approached by many employees in Macy's to take an even more active part in our Union.

I am in hearty agreement with the thoughts expressed in the letter to the effect that our deepest concern is to build a stronger and more united Union to be headed by persons of proven accomplishment and ability to administrate. That is precisely why I am running.

It is only through this kind of inspired leadership in the future that every member of our Union will realize greater opportunity to enjoy a higher standard of living and the leisure time necessary for family and self to properly maintain health and happiness. To these ends I dedicate myself. I am seeking the support of every Union member and pledge immediacy in taking the steps that will achieve these goals and to raise the sights of our Union in order that our individual members may benefit fully.

Very truly yours,  
Neal Kuypers

## Election

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the White House Garage on Tilden Avenue.

The following day, Friday, January 23rd, Jamaica members will cast their votes at the Jamaica Union office, 166-15 Jamaica Avenue.

Candidates are not to be in the voting areas but may have watchers with the voting being by secret ballot.

The Elections and Objections Committee, under its chairman, George Schick, is charged with the full conduct of the elections and all matters relating to them.

There is a Constitutional Assessment of \$1 to the Welfare Fund for an unexcused failure to vote.

## Credit Union

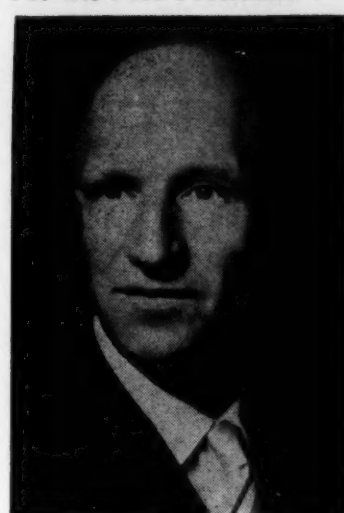
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The famous scenic spots of Lucerne, Interlaken and Mt. Pilatus will complete the Switzerland part of the journey.

The Local 1-S Credit Union has arranged a plan that will furnish First Class Hotels, three meals daily and other accommodations at the low rate of \$735.

The extensive and well planned trip is available to all members of the Credit Union.

## For 1st Vice President



Neal Kuypers

Known to practically all fellow employees in Macy's as an energetic and tireless worker dedicated to the cause of labor and fearless in his conduct of negotiations, Neal Kuypers, candidate for 2nd Vice-President of Local 1-S, is bringing to his candidacy 28 years of experience as a store employee studded with accomplishments in the union.

As one of the original organizers of the union, Neal was responsible for signing up his department and is credited with making it one of the first 100% union groups in the store. He has had unusual success as a Shop Steward and Executive Board member in the handling of grievances. Neal's contributions as Chairman of the Constitution Committee helped make this document a successful instrument and guide for the union.

Presently serving as Chief Steward and Executive Board member and member of the Negotiating Committee, Neal is known as an unrelenting advocate of the best in employee benefits and has contributed greatly to the progress shown to date in this respect.

Neal's uniqueness lies in his warm personality, conscientious devotion to union principles, inspired leadership, and determined drive for union benefits.

## For 1st Vice President



Anthony Cardace

Anthony Cardace has been employed by Macy's since 1941 and has been a member of Local 1-S since that time. In 1942 he left the store to serve in the United States Navy during World War II. As a candidate he is running independently of any slate.

## LOCAL 1-S, RWDSU (AFL-CIO)

President, Sam Kovenetsky

1st Vice President

Phil Hoffstein

Recording Secretary

Deby Valencia

Financial Secretary

Cecil Curry

2nd Vice President

William Atkinson

Trustees

Peter Gilhooley

Mildred Kaplonski

Harry Webster

Welfare Board Members

Louise Bunkovsky

Alice Donohue

Andrew Felicia

Jack Fox

Winifred McCauley

Sergeants-At-Arms

Riva Lowenstein

Leo Livingston

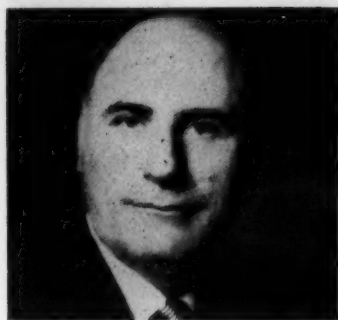
Christian Ryan

Richard Tausz



# INDEPENDENT SLATE

## For President



Thomas Hastings

You, the membership of Local 1-S, are to be commended and thanked for nominating me to run for President on the Independent slate. You are, too, to be commended for having the courage to nominate a complete Independent slate to oppose our administration slate for the first time in the history of the union. This is a significant sign that you seek a change from our present leadership and also from an arrogant and unappreciative Macy management. You are to be thanked by me for having the faith to make me your standard bearer.

Let me present **MY PLATFORM FOR THE INDEPENDENT SLATE:**

We pledge to alleviate the unwarranted suspensions inflicted on loyal employees by management. Measures to offset any provocative tactics employed by Macy executives include an adequate grievance procedure designed for quicker and just decisions.

We favor job classifications for position along with the elimination of multiple duties that are presently imposed on the worker.

Part-timers and Sat.-Onlies to receive equal and proportionate benefits as regular employees with time-and-a-half pay beyond their scheduled hours.

A substantial Christmas bonus over and above the basic wage for regular employees whether they accept the hardship Christmas schedule or not. Regular schedule to be maintained during this period for those who refuse to accept any overtime.

An adequate and basic crew to be maintained in each dept. for proper customer coverage to relieve pressure and mental stress.

All branch stores to receive prompt and proper administrative coverage for all their problems at all times. And, also, equal scale of pay and working conditions for all similar categories as those employed in the Herald Square store.

A substantial severance pay plan along with a just Pension Plan so we can enjoy the fruits from our many years of loyal service.

Regular hour working schedule to be enforced at all times with any proposed changes by management to be placed at the discretion of employees for final approval.

A shorter work week with no cut in take home wages. This is vital to combat the progressive scientific innovations introduced by management and is a protective measure to insure our jobs.

We also sincerely pledge the absolute abolition of the unfair and unethical practice of budget cutting by management for any proven worker with five or more years of service.

We reiterate, in conclusion, our gratitude for nominating an entire Independent slate of experienced and inspired candidates who do not dwell on past performance and the retrogression displayed by our

## For 1st Vice President



James J. Ziccardi

To my co-workers of Local 1-S who have once again urged me to become a candidate for 1st Vice President on the Independent slate, I extend my sincerest gratitude. Because of your inspiring support during the last election and the confidence you have instilled in me, I accepted the challenge to bring the union rightfully where it belongs, and that is, back to the membership. I am most pleased, too, for the personal commendations you have bestowed upon me for my comments submitted in our union newspaper which were instrumental in constructive action being taken in behalf of the workers.

It's always been my firm belief that in order to have good government or good trade unionism, too much power should not be given to any one man or to so-called hand-picked slates.

I am fortunate, too, that you had the foresight to select two experienced running-mates to support me on the Independent slate in Thomas Hastings for President and Executive Board member Philip Massaro for 2nd Vice President. This undoubtedly shows that you seek a change from our present complacent administration, to an inspired workers' candidacy, for a better union.

## For Welfare Board



Patrick Fallon

I have been a member of Macy's for 14 months. I work in Department 159 which includes small electrical appliances. I decided to help in the coming elections when I saw things were not just so for the workers. Also I was impressed by the vigor and determination of the Independent slate candidates who will take care of this situation and give us back a good union which we deserve.

## Editor's Note

All candidates for office in Local 1-S in the forthcoming election were invited to submit statements to be printed in this issue of Local 1-S News. The statements and biographies are printed as they were submitted to the News.

present leadership but a look forward to creating a better union for an era of better living.

## For 2nd Vice President



Philip Massaro

The choice of me to run for the post of 2nd Vice President on the Independent slate proves without a doubt that I am not a hand-picked candidate but a genuine standard bearer for my co-workers. I accepted this opportunity only with the understanding that I would represent all the workers and not a select group of employees.

Since I am an executive board member, I have a close and intimate view of its ills, and I am deeply concerned with our many problems. I, for one, feel that many of our problems are being neglected because of our one-man leadership and that too many grievances are being white-washed because of his complacency. With your support, and if elected 2nd Vice President on the Independent slate, I pledge at all times to stand by the people and work for all my fellow unioners and co-workers and not be a mere puppet for any select group.

## Letter to the Editor

### Ziccardi Replies

Local 1-S News,

In response to proud member of Local 1-S for a long time, Ruth Chaconas, a steward and board member part of that time, it is rather strange for one with your intimate knowledge of our union to ask those questions concerning our January elections.

By the way Miss Chaconas, why did you signal out my name, since I am but one of the many candidates seeking office? Why do you dare to challenge the intelligence of the Macy's workers with your silly questions who are ranked highest among all the retail workers in the entire city? Why didn't you, or better yet our union leadership, suggest or plan our January elections during a period that would not conflict with Macy's Management? Surely, this could have been easily arranged:

Since you have readily admitted we are exercising our constitutional rights, then you should have given deeper thought before presenting your letter to the 1-S News.

Our only interests are in behalf of the Macy's membership who are desirous of a change to a more aggressive and militant leadership to bring the union back to the workers where it rightfully belongs. . . .

Fraternally yours,  
James Ziccardi

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*at the*  
**UNION OFFICE**  
*Every Wednesday*  
*From 5:30 to 7 P.M.*

## For Welfare Board



Joseph Sutovsky

Joe Sutovsky is an aggressive first-time candidate for the post of Welfare Board member on the Independent slate. Joe has been employed in Macy's since March 26, 1946, which substantiates his experience. His duties have been confined to various divisions of the packing department as the Exporting and Transfer Bulk Packing. He has also worked in the Receiving Department.

Sutovsky, an assistant shop steward, is popularly known by his friendly co-workers as a go-getter take-action guy whenever any problem comes up with management. Their problems are almost always immediately solved without fan-fare.

"I am delighted to accept the privilege to run with the Independent slate because we need a change to some inspired and aggressive candidates who are dedicated for a better union."

Candidates Rose Kelly and Evelyn Petta did not send their pictures or biographies to 1-S News by press time.

**MEDICAL PLAN**—For the name and address of the doctor, dentist, optometrist or podiatrist nearest you CALL the Union Office—WA 4-4540 or Associated Physicians Medical Group—BU 8-4210 (Night or Day). Complete schedule of fees available upon request.

**BLOOD BANK**—If you need blood from the Blood Bank CALL the Union Office—WA 4-4540.

## For Sergeant at Arms



Carl Fusco

Carl Fusco, candidate for the office of Sergeant-of-Arms on the Independent slate, has been a member of Local 1-S for six years. Most of his labors as a Macy employee have been in the liquor reserve and packing. Fusco is a member of the Army Reserve which trains on the sixteenth floor. Carl, a former professional featherweight boxer of note, has since retired from the ring.

He has set his sights dedicated to helping the membership of Local 1-S in conducting a true democratic union in which each member can exercise his God-given American rights.

## For Trustee



Jimmy Murray

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